Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A polyglycolic acid resin filament comprising a polyglycolic acid resin having a residual monomer content of below 0.5 wt.% and exhibiting a tensile strength of at least 750 MPa and a knot strength of at least 600 MPa.

2. (Original) A filament according to claim 1, exhibiting a knot strength of at least 650 MPa.

3. (Currently amended) A filament according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, exhibiting a tensile strength of at least 800 MPa.

4. (Currently amended) A filament according to ~~any of claims 1 – 3~~ claim 1, comprising a polyglycolic acid resin having a residual monomer content of below 0.2 wt.%

5. (Currently amended) A filament according to ~~any of claims 1 – 4~~ claim 1, exhibiting a tensile elongation at break of 10 - 50 %.

6. (Original) A filament according to claim 5, exhibiting a tensile elongation at break of 15 - 40 %.

7. (Original) A filament according to claim 5, exhibiting a tensile elongation at break in excess of 20 % and below 30 %.

8. (Currently amended) A filament according to ~~any of claims 1 – 7~~ claim 1, exhibiting a tensile modulus of elasticity of at least 12 GPa.

9. (Original) A process for producing a polyglycolic acid resin filament, comprising: melt-spinning a polyglycolic acid resin having a residual monomer content

of below 0.5 wt.%, quenching the spun resin in a liquid bath of at most 10 °C and stretching the spun resin in a liquid bath of 60 - 83 °C.

10. (Original) A process for producing a filament according to claim 9, wherein a second-step stretching is performed after said stretching at a temperature higher than the temperature of said stretching and at a stretching ratio of at most 1.8 times.

11. (Currently amended) A process for producing a filament according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein a second-step stretching is performed after said stretching at a temperature which is higher than the temperature of said stretching by at most ca.40 °C.

12. (Currently amended) A process for producing a filament according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein a second-step stretching is performed after said stretching at a temperature which is higher than the temperature of said stretching by at most ca.12 °C.

13. (Original) A process for producing a polyglycolic acid resin filament, comprising: melt-spinning a polyglycolic acid resin, quenching the spun resin in a liquid bath of at most 10 °C, then subjecting the spun resin to a first-step stretching in a liquid bath at a temperature of 60 - 83 °C, and then subjecting the spun resin to a second-step stretching at a temperature higher than the temperature of the first-step stretching by at most 12 °C and at a stretching ratio of at most 1.8 times.

14. (Currently amended) A process for producing a filament according to ~~any of claims 9 - 13~~ claim 9, wherein a polyglycolic acid resin having a residual monomer content of below 0.2 wt.% is subjected to the melt-spinning.

15. (Currently amended) A fishing line comprising a filament according to ~~any of claims 1 - 8~~ claim 1.